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REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property Dudley Wiggins House 0398
45-3010-0186

Location 840 W. 21st Street
(street and number)

Lawrence, Kansas
(city, town, or vicinity location)

.75 acre, occupying lot 3, Boardman's Addition
(legal description)

Douglas
(county)

Owner of Property Randy Breden

840 W. 21st. St.
(street and number)

Lawrence, Kansas 66044 (Douglas)
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic
Sites Board of Review N/A

date entered in National Register N/A

Description: The Dudley Wiggins House (ca. 1863, 1924) is located at 840 W. 21st
Street in Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas (pop. 52,003). The two-story, soft red brick
"L" shaped structure has a cross gabled roof covered with green compositional shingles
and sits on a coursed limestone foundation. The building sits on a .75 acre tract south-
west of downtown Lawrence in a residential zone. Its facade orientation is to the east.

The structure exhibits common bond brick walls, double coursed brick relieving
arches above most of the window and door openings, an unornamented wooden fascia board
below the eaves, and many original door and window surrounds and interior mouldings.
Early Twentieth Century alterations to the building include the addition of the front
porch and the removal of the staircase. The current staircase and front door are sympa-
thetic replacements. There are three rooms on each floor.

The Dudley Wiggins House maintains a relatively high degree of structural integrity
but existing and planned alterations jeopardize its architectural integrity.

Significance The Dudley Wiggins House (ca. 1863, 1924) is being nominated to the Register of Historic Kansas Places for its historical association with Dudley Wiggins, a master mason active in Lawrence from 1858 until 1880. Wiggins (1832-?), a New Hampshire native, came to Lawrence in 1858 and is credited with the construction of many of the community's early residences and commercial buildings. It appears that Wiggins constructed the 840 W. 21st. street property as a speculative investment, as he sold it to Samuel Cox in 1867. No other properties credited to Wiggins have been documented through either the State or National Register process. Wiggins was also a farmer, active in a dairy business west of Lawrence with his son during the 1880s.

The Dudley Wiggins House was purchased by the Lawrence Preservation Alliance in 1985.

Form prepared by Martha Hagedorn date 4/2/86

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on May 10, 1986.
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.



State Historic Preservation Officer

May 10, 1986

Date

The Lawrence Preservation Alliance placed a protective covenant on the property house and resold it to a private individual, who is rehabilitating the building.

While a significant amount of original historical fabric remains in the building, existing and planned alterations jeopardize its architectural integrity and therefore, its architectural significance.